

BODY OF SUICIDE GOES TO WARSAW

Relatives of Benjamin H. Pratt Arrange for Funeral.

Had Purchased Ticket to Europe Before Ending Life.

Relatives of Benjamin H. Pratt, a former Linotype timekeeper in the Government Printing Office, who committed suicide in New York by cutting his throat, today ordered the body sent to Warsaw, Va., where funeral services probably will be held Saturday morning.

Mrs. Julia Bryan, Pratt's sister, living in the Massachusetts apartment, will leave Washington tomorrow evening to attend the funeral. Pratt has five brothers and two sisters, all of whom live in Virginia and Washington. Detective Harry Pratt, of the Central Office, is his cousin, and today sent several dispatches to arrange for the funeral. Robert Pratt, a brother of the suicide, will leave Cape Charles, Va., this afternoon and go to New York to take charge of the remains and effects of the printer.

Native of Virginia.

Pratt was born in Richmond County, Va., thirty-eight years ago. His mother died when he was in his teens, and after learning the printing trade he left Virginia, going West, and remained in that section for more than ten years. Later he went to New York, and six years ago came to Washington as a printer. Under the audit system in the Government Printing Office he served as night timekeeper in the Linotype room. Pratt was of a melancholy disposition, and suffered continually from chronic dyspepsia and acute indigestion. For some time he boarded at 740 Fifth street northwest, and then went to the Manhattan Hotel, in Ninth street, near F. After the Rosister investigation in the Printing Office he resigned his position and returned to the Fifth street house.

About three weeks ago he left his boarding house, saying he was going to New York. All of his trunks were packed ready for shipment. Detective Pratt said he met his cousin on the street about six months ago, and the latter said, "There is nothing in life. I intend ending it all pretty soon."

The printer kept his own counsel at all times, mingled but infrequently with other persons, and seldom visited his sister in the Massachusetts.

Found With Throat Cut.

Tuesday morning he engaged a room in the Bartholdi Hotel in New York City. Last night a chambermaid reported that she could not get into room ninety-nine to clean it, and the door, which was found to be locked, was battered down. Pratt was found lying dead on the floor. His throat was gashed in several places, the jugular vein was severed and the knife with which he had ended his life was clasped in his right hand.

Letters in his pocket and the name registered on the hotel books established his identity. In his pockets a ticket to Europe and a purse containing \$257 were found.

At the Manhattan Hotel it was said that Pratt was a quiet, unassuming man, who lead an exemplary life, and always appeared to be in deep thought. His sister, Mrs. Bryan, says he had been given to melancholy and moroseness since the death of his mother, many years ago.

His father, Dr. Robert Pratt, contracted a second marriage after attaining the age of seventy-three years. Dr. Pratt was notified at Stormount, Middlesex county Va., today, of his son's tragic death.

HOUSE CONSIDERS PLANS FOR SUBMARINES

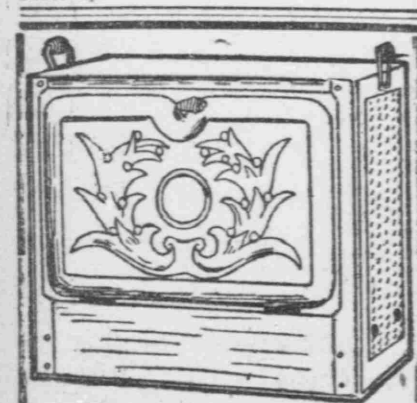
With much uncertainty, as if it suspected a mine under it, the House today tackled the submarine boat phase of the naval program, as outlined by the naval appropriation bill. Chairman Foss, in charge of the bill, seemed to be in an attitude of dodging something all the time, and yet all the time hoping it would not be touched off.

With the four battleship proposal put to sleep, the submarine advocates felt quite certain that they would get eight submarines instead of the four recommended by the President. There was a tendency on the part of the Treasury watch dogs to give the President his way, especially in view of the woeful defeat his battleship policy met yesterday.

Everyone seems nervous about the submarine scandal breaking out on the floor and considerable anxiety was expressed as to where it might lead if it should once get well started.

The membership looked to Representative Lilley, author of the charges that the Electric Boat Company had used improper methods to secure submarine legislation, to bring the matter up. Nearly every member of the Naval Affairs Committee was on hand, and defended himself against any possible attack for the part he had played in the preparation of the bill.

Although the attendance on the floor was not so large as yesterday, more members were within call of the bells than when the battleship question came up.



Largest assortment of Ovens for Gas, Gasoline, and Blue-Flame Oil Stoves to be found in the city.

65c	75c	\$1.00
\$1.25	\$1.50	\$2.00
\$2.25	\$2.50	\$2.75
\$3.00	\$3.50	\$4.00
\$4.50 and \$5.00		

HOUSE OF EBERLY
718 7th St. N. W.

IN ALEXANDRIA SPINKS EXPLAINS TO POLICE BOARD

Remarks Not Intended to Reflect Upon the Force.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., APRIL 15. Councilman F. C. Spinks appeared before the board of police commissioners last night and announced that he did not intend to cast any reflections on the police force by his remarks in the city council last Tuesday evening. The board announced that the only private watchmen in this city, who are the only persons outside the regular police force authorized to make arrests, are William T. Emerson, at the Union Cemetery; W. L. Mullen, a private watchman of business houses; Captain Mason, boss of the chain-gang, and W. J. Wilkerson, at Riley & Spinks' saloon.

Mrs. Esther Westerfield, wife of Lamar Westerfield, died at her home, 238 North Columbus street, last evening. Mrs. Westerfield was forty-three years of age and was well known in Alexandria.

She was the daughter of Mrs. Mary A. and the late William H. Muir. No arrangements have been made for her funeral.

In the corporation court before Judge Lewis C. Barley, today the following civil cases are being tried: Carbon Dioxide and Magnesium Company vs. James McCuen, and Garr's administrator vs. Washington Terminal Company.

Coach Hicor, of Washington, arrived in Alexandria yesterday and at once began putting the crews of the Old Dominion Boat Club at practice work. He says that the outlook for the Old Dominion Club this season is very bright.

The City Democratic Committee met last evening and declared F. C. Spinks

"DRYS" WIN VICTORIES AT POLLS IN VIRGINIA

WINCHESTER, Va., April 15.—Backed by the Virginia Anti-Saloon League, the "drys" have won an overwhelming victory at the polls, closing eleven saloons in this city by a majority of 194 votes out of the 380 cast. The victory at the polls was greeted with joyful demonstrations by the various temperance organizations.

Women and school children bearing the banners of the "drys" paraded the streets after the victory had been announced, singing their campaign songs, and otherwise exhibiting their exultation at the victory. Prayers were offered in the churches while the voting was going on for the success of the "drys."

DANVILLE, Va., April 15.—Danville has gone dry by a majority of 45 out of 52 votes cast. This vote means that eighteen saloons and two breweries will be forced out of business on May 1. The campaign was headed by ministers.

and C. W. Marshall the candidates for the city council in the Fourth ward, C. W. O'Meara declining to enter the race. There will be a primary election April 21 in the Second ward, as this is the only ward in which there is a contest.

The directors of the Citizens' National Bank have awarded the contract for drawing plans for the new bank building in King street, near Pitt street, to Vogt & Morrill, of Washington. The building will be a one-story structure, with a white marble front.

At the meeting of the board of fire wardens held last evening Driver Ernest Warder, of the Reliance Fire Engine Company, tendered his resignation, to take effect May 1. His resignation was accepted, and a meeting will be held April 25 to elect his successor. The board discussed the matter of acid being found on the newly purchased house, and it was the unanimous opinion that the acid had been maliciously put on the hose.

A meeting of the city school board was held last evening when the bid of \$15.00 by Donphan & Morrill for the purchase of the Peabody School building was discussed, but no action was taken.

HUMAN NATURE.

"I believe I'd be perfectly happy if some one would leave me a million." "No you wouldn't. You be grouchy and grumpy and sore because you'd have to pay such a big inheritance tax."—Exchange.

ROOSEVELT REJECTS TERMS, SAYS RUMOR

President Will Not Compromise With House on Program.

According to a sensational and circumstantial story in circulation this afternoon, President Roosevelt has changed his mind, and decided to reject the terms which were offered to him on behalf of the House leaders by Representative Watson of Indiana for the Government of the legislative program from the remainder of the session.

Until after noon today it was supposed the President had accepted with such grace as possible the apparently inevitable rejection of the large part of his program by the powers of the House. Then came the remarkable story that the President was determined to make another effort to force his program through. It was said that he would probably send another message next week couched in the most vigorous terms and demanding that Congress at least bring out the measures from the committees and vote on them.

It is further said that the President is prepared to appeal strongly to the country to sustain him in his insistence that Congress put itself on record. He believes that if votes can be secured most of the measures in which he is deeply interested will pass.

Whatever justification there may be for this report, it is certain that the authorities on Capitol Hill have been a good deal flustered about it, and the understanding as to the future of the session is just now very much mixed.

Marriage Licenses.

Melville M. B. Vinson and Carrie M. Falvey, Washington.
Franklin A. Lewis and Fannie G. Hackney, Washington.
Wharton F. Rowe and Goldie L. Paxton, Washington.
Francis A. Belt and Bertie L. Grimes, Washington.
Emory H. Bogley, Montgomery county, Md., and Jennie R. Artz, Washington.
Roy D. Carter and Merle W. Newman, Staunton, Va.
Carl H. Fischer and Rosa M. Barr, Washington.
Spencer E. Smith and Lillie Dodson, Purcellville, Va.

SALEM BANK PRESIDENT LAND FRAUD WITNESS

E. P. McCormack, formerly president of the First National Bank of Salem, Ore., was called as a witness for the prosecution in the Hyde-Benson-Diamond-Schneider land fraud trial today, and testified to Frederick A. Hyde's dealings in the Oregon public school lands.

Mr. McCormack told of an interview which he had with Hyde in Salem in 1897 or 1898 when they discussed the public lands business.

Hyde told him he had some clients who wished to obtain school lands, and he and McCormack entered into an agreement under which the latter was to be paid 10 cents an acre for lands which he secured by application.

McCormack also related his dealings with Joseph H. Schneider, Schneider, he said, furnished him with the first applications which he filed in the State land office. Schneider furnished the money to raise the purchase price, which was required by law on making application.

Schneider also opened an account in the First National Bank, and at one time had \$25,000 on deposit. This money was all paid out to advance the necessary one-third on all applications of school lands.

The testimony of Mr. McCormack serves to connect the transaction of Schneider and George W. David, a notary, with Hyde.

IRON ORE IN CALIFORNIA.

Geological reports issued by the Southern Pacific railroad show that there are seven districts in California where workable deposits of iron ore exist, in a region where only 6,000 square miles of territory has as yet been explored.

VEIL PINS FOR EASTER



Our time is consumed in offering to our customers the best values obtainable for the least money. Our Easter offer, this beautiful Veil Pin, best value in the city for Friday and Saturday.

25c

Bissell High Art Jewelry, 1117 G St. Cor. 12th.

ELECTRIC LABORATORY WANTED BY ENGINEER

W. C. Allen, electrical engineer of the District, has recommended that a substitute bill be submitted to Congress in place of House bill 15372, relating to the inspection of electric meters in the District of Columbia. The bill as drafted by the Electrical Engineer provides for a laboratory for the examination and test of electric meters, to be paid for by the corporations, firms, or individuals furnishing the current for electric lights, in proportion to their sale of electricity for the calendar year preceding the passage of the act.

The cost of fitting up this laboratory is not to exceed \$4,000. The bill provides for the appointment of an inspector of electric meters at a salary of \$2,000, two inspectors at a salary of \$1,200 each, one clerk at \$1,000, and two assistant inspectors at \$750 per annum.

Mr. Allen says that as a bill has been prepared by the Commissioners, granting them the power of a public service

DOG FINDS LOST PIN; RETURNED TO MISTRESS

WINSTED, Conn., April 15.—Jack, a collie owned by Janies Maddrah, of Hubbard street, recovered a valuable pin which had been lost in the woods and returned it to its owner, Miss Ida Maddrah, eldest daughter of his master.

Miss Maddrah lost the pin, which was a gift, while hunting for wild flowers with her little niece on a mountain side Sunday. She did not discover her loss until that night, and yesterday started out with Jack in quest of the pin. Half way up the hillside the dog found the pin and brought it to Miss Maddrah in his mouth.

commission, he does not recommend a favorable report upon the reduction in price of current from its present legal maximum of 10 cents, as proposed in the bill for which the measure is endorsed by him is offered as a substitute.

ART AND JUDGMENT.

"I am going to play Hamlet." "Good! That's art." "For one night only." "Ah, that's judgment."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Brass Bed Bargains

A number of patterns to be discontinued and some Brass Beds from regular stock are offered now at bargain prices. For instance:—

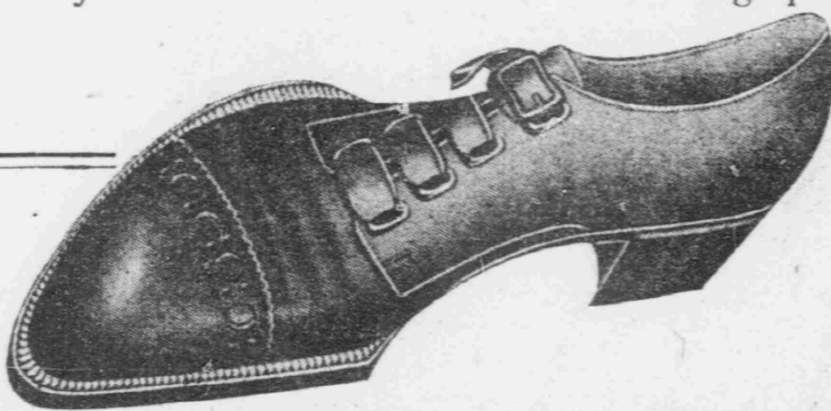
\$30.00 Brass Beds.....	\$22.50
\$32.00 Brass Beds.....	\$24.00
\$44.00 Brass Beds.....	\$33.00

W. B. MOSES & SONS

F Street, Corner 11th

Opening Specials in Men's and Women's Shoes For Friday Only

Yesterday we announced the opening of our new and enlarged stores to the public. In our announcement we purposed to have the public know of our success in the shoe business in Washington. Our success has been due to our giving the "BEST VALUES FOR THE LEAST MONEY." We propose to continue this growth by continually offering values in shoes offered only at our stores. Read the following specials for tomorrow:



Men's Single-Strap Oxfords, \$3.50 Kinds, \$2.50

Straps lend an air of extreme style to a shoe that laces cannot give—and this particular strap oxford is beyond a doubt the cleanest cut, the most swagger you've ever seen. We designed it ourselves; we are particularly proud of our accomplishment. In both black and tan colts and patent leather. Shapes that you've always wanted—yet comfortable and durable. The ORIGINAL SAVE-A-DOLLAR SHOE.

Should be \$3.50—A LEADER at \$2.50.



Ladies' 3-button Oxford, reg. \$3.50 value, \$2.45

Among the late arrivals in Ladies' Spring and Summer Footwear is the 3-button Oxford (see cut), which for neatness, form and style bids fair to become popular. We have it in a variety of leathers, viz, Patent Colt, Gun metal, and Tans, and in all sizes and widths, including B, C, and D widths. This particular shoe is a regular \$3.50 value. Our opening price for this week.....\$2.45

Four Bargain Specials in Children's Shoes for Friday Only

Children's Genuine Russia Calf Shoes

In a variety of popular shapes, including the new Oxford, Blucher, and High Shoes, in either button or lace effects. This is an exceptional offering, and these prices will prevail only during this sale. We have them in the following sizes.

Sizes 5 to 8	Sizes 9 1/2 to 11	Sizes 11 1/2 to 2
Sale price.....\$1.25	\$1.45	\$1.65
Regular value....\$1.75	\$2.00	\$2.50

Boys' Genuine Box Calf and Vici Bluchers. This is an offering of genuine values, not a pair ever offered for less than \$2.00. In this lot we can only offer sizes from 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, inclusive. Our opening price on this regular \$2.00 shoe is.....\$1.45

LADIES' OXFORDS, \$1.95

All the newest shapes and styles, including Button, Blucher, Pumps, and 2-eyelot Lace, also all of the popular leathers, such as Russia Calf, Chocolate Kid, Patent Colt, Gun Metal Calf. We have them in all sizes and widths. A real \$2.50 value, for this sale.....\$1.95

Men's Two-Button and Side Buckle Low Shoes, \$5 Kinds, \$3.95

What do you think of this for a novelty? Yet it is designed to give the maximum of comfort and wear. Tan and Black, Gun Metal Calf and Patent Leathers. You can plainly see the Hirsh stamp of individuality in every shoe. Shapes are original, styles are extreme and novel; and you can depend upon their wear-resisting qualities. Five dollars is their regular price. Opening sale price.....\$3.95

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Shoe Designers
and Builders

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